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TAGS: PINS, PORS, RP

SUBJECT: PROCULO RODRIGUEZ, JR.

1. MR. RODRIGUEZ TELEPHONED EA/PHL JAN 10, FIRST ASKING IF HE COULD HAVE AN APPOINTMENT, AND THEN DECIDING THAT HIS BUSINESS COULD BE CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS AN ANTI-MARCOS PHILIPPINE CITIZEN, WHO HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH EX-SENATOR MANGLAPUS, BUT WAS NOW PURSUING HIS OWN LINES OF ACTIVITY.

2. RODRIGUEZ SAID HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT THE U.S. SUPPORTED MARCOS, AND THAT HE WANTED US TO BE AWARE OF PROSPECTIVE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HE BELIEVED MARCOS WOULD DESCRIBE AS FOREIGN AGGRESSION IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE U.S. MILITARY AID. HE, RODRIGUEZ, HAD MADE CONTACT WITH MOSLEM ELEMENTS THROUGH AN UNNAMED THIRD COUNTRY, AND HAD ASSURANCES OF THEIR SUPPORT IN ACTIONS WHICH HE PLANNED AGAINST THE MARCOS REGIME IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. HE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE
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INVOLVED WOULD BE ENTIRELY OF PHILIPPINE ORIGIN.

3. DEPTOFF EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT. HE SAID USG WAS NOT, REPEAT NOT, SPONSORING EITHER THE MARCOS REGIME OR ITS OPPONENTS; OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOP WAS CLOSE AND FRIENDLY, AND WE HAD A MUTUAL SECURITY PACT WITH THE PHILIPPINES, BUT WE DID NOT INVOLVE OURSELVES IN INTERNAL POLITICS. HE CAUTIONED RODRIGUEZ THAT INDIVIDUALS ACTING

FOR A FOREIGN POWER IN THE U.S. WERE REQUIRED TO REGISTER, AND THAT ACTIONS DIRECTED AT THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF A FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT FROM U.S. TERRITORY MIGHT BE PUNISHABLE.

4. RODRIGUEZ SEEMED QUITE UNRUFFLED, STATING THAT HE HAD ALREADY LOOKED INTO THE APPLICABLE LAWS, AND HAD CHECKED HIS ACTIVITIES WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. (HE ALSO SPOKE OF HAVING DISCUSSED SOME PLANS WITH CIA, BUT DECLINED TO GIVE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS APPROACHED IN EITHER AGENCY.) HE WAS BEING CAREFUL TO AVOID BREAKING U.S. LAWS, AND HIS MEETINGS WITH MOSLEM REPRESENTATIVES HAD OCCURRED IN LONDON. HE REITERATED, THAT HE MERELY WANTED TO ENSURE THAT THE USG HAD A CORRECT APPRECIATION OF EVENTS WHEN THEY OCCURRED.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN AWARE OF RODRIGUES INTER ALIA FROM HIS OCCASIONAL LETTERS TO THE WASHINGTON PAPERS, BUT THIS WAS FIRST DIRECT CONTACT. IN THE CONVERSATION DESCRIBED, HE SEEMED ENTIRELY COLLECTED AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AN ECCENTRIC. FURTHER COMMENT IN OTHER CHANNEL.

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